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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: WHO, IS, IF, NI

SUBJECT: WHO: DRAFT ARAB RESOLUTION ON ISRAEL

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- 1. NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT DELEGATIONS TO CONFERENCES SUCH AS THE WHO MEETING NORMALLY ACT ON THEIR OWN AUTHORITY AND DO NOT RECEIVE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM LAGOS ON HOW TO VOTE. SIMILAR REPRESENTATIONS IN THE PAST HAVE RESULTED IN NO ACTION AND OCCASIONAL ANNOYANCE AT USG APPROACH TO MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (MEA). NIGERIA OFFICIALLY SUPPORTS THE ARABS ON MANY ISSUES WHICH ARE NOT OF DIRECT RELEVANCE TO IT BECAUSE OF THE OIL CONNECTION AND THIRD WORLD SOLIDARITY, SO BEST HOPE OF INFLUENCING NIGERIAN VOTE WOULD BE TO INFLUENCE DELEGATES AT MEETING RATHER THAN ATTEMPT TO MOVE THE MEA BUREAUCRACY ON THIS ISSUE. FINALLY, NIGERIAN STAFF WORK AND DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM ARE SO SLOW THAT EVEN IF MEA WERE MOVED TO ACT THEY WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO BE ABLE TO SEND INSTRUCTIONS TO GENEVA IN A TIMELY MANNER.
- 2. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS AGAINST APPROACH TO MEA AND URGES THAT USDEL GENEVA CONTACT NIGERIAN DELEGATION CONFIDENTIAL

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